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DOYLE RELEASES DRAFT SCOPE FOR NEW ZOO's DEVELOPMENT PLAN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Monroe County Executive Jack Doyle today released the draft scope for the Seneca Park Zoo Development Plan Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

"The objective of the scope is to focus the draft EIS on any potentially significant adverse environmental impacts and to provide the public with additional opportunities to participate in the identification of such impacts," said Doyle.

The draft scope is based on information collected during the extensive public participation process conducted in October 2000. During that time two public scoping sessions and three public workshops were held. Additionally, approximately 30 individual meetings were held with homeowners who reside adjacent to the zoo and numerous exchanges with civic organizations from across the county were undertaken.

Monroe County will accept written comments on the draft scope just released. Deadline for comments is February 21, 2001. Comments may be directed to Scott Leathersich, Senior Physical Services Planner, Monroe County Division of Engineering, City Place, Suite 7100, 50 West Main Street, Rochester, New York 14614.

"The community's continuing involvement in this process is key to meeting the balanced needs of the majority who support the Zoo's expansion, while addressing the concerns of those who have expressed reservations about the plan," said Doyle.

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Copies of the draft scope may be obtained at the following locations: Monroe County's Website (www.co.monroe.ny.us), the Rochester Public Library system, the Monroe County Department of Parks, and municipal libraries in the towns of Irondequoit, Greece, Perinton, Webster, and Chili.

A draft environmental impact statement will be available for both public review and comment by early spring 2001. Additionally, a final environmental impact statement will be available by late spring 2001. Final adoption of the plan is subject to legislative approval.

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